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Office of the Solicitor General

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VIA U.S. MAIL or VIA EMAIL to <foia@americanoversight.org>

Austin Evers
American Oversight
1030 15th Street NW, Suite B255
Washington, DC 20005

Re: OSG FOIA No. 2018-127127

Dear Mr. Evers:

This letter responds to your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request to the Office of the Solicitor General (OSG) dated April 17, 2018. You requested: “[a]ll email communications (including attachments) between (a) any political appointee* in the Office of the Solicitor General and (b) anyone in the White House Office (including anyone with an email address ending in @who.eop.gov) from February 9, 2018, through the date of the search.”¹

Our Office located seven pages of responsive documents. These seven pages are exempt from disclosure pursuant to Exemptions (b)(5) and (b)(6) of FOIA, pursuant to the attorney work product and attorney client privileges. OSG has found that it would not be appropriate to make discretionary releases of any of these withheld records.

If you wish to discuss any aspect of your request, you may contact our FOIA Coordinator at osgfoia@usdoj.gov or at 202-514-2203, using the assigned FOIA tracking number. You may also write to OSG at:

OSG FOIA Public Liaison
Office of the Solicitor General
950 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.
Washington, DC 20530-0009

¹ “Political appointee” should be understood as any person who is a Presidential Appointee with Senate Confirmation (PAS), a Presidential Appointee (PA), a non-career SES, any Schedule C employees, or any persons hired under Temporary Non-career SES Appointments, Limited Term SSES Appointments, or Temporary Transitional Schedule C Appointments.

Additionally, you may contact the Office of Government Information Services (OGIS) at the National Archives and Records Administration to inquire about the FOIA mediation services they offer. The contact information for OGIS is as follows:

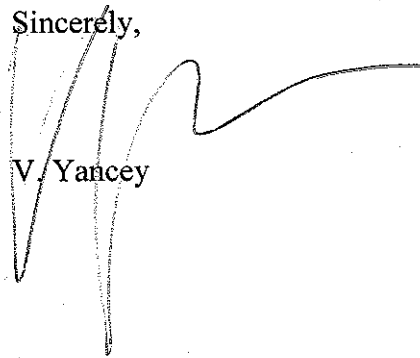
Office of Government Information Services
National Archives and Records Administration
8601 Adelphi Road-OGIS
College Park, Maryland 20740-6001

Email: ogis@nara.gov
Telephone: 202-741-5770; toll free at 1-877-684-6448
Facsimile: 202-741-5769

If you are not satisfied with the response to this request, you may administratively appeal by writing to the Director, Office of Information Policy (OIP), United States Department of Justice, Suite 11050, 1425 New York Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20530-0001, or you may submit an appeal through OIP's FOIA online portal by creating an account on the following web site:

<https://www.foiaonline.gov/foiaonline/action/public/home>. Your appeal must be postmarked or electronically transmitted within 90 days of the date of my response to your request. If you submit your appeal by mail, both the letter and the envelope should be clearly marked "Freedom of Information Act Appeal."

Sincerely,


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